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SUBJECT: SECSTATE MIDEAST VISIT: SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT

AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT, FEB 13, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE BY SECRETARY TO NEWSMEN  
AS HE DEPARTED DAMASCUS.

2. QUOTE FIRST OF ALL I WANTED TO THANK THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE VERY WARM AND COURTEOUS  
RECEPTION THAT WE HAVE HAD HERE IN DAMASCUS. WE FIRST  
OF ALL REVIEWED THE STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN  
SYRIA AND THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS GOOD AND IMPROVING.  
WE ALSO REVIEWED IN VERY GREAT DETAIL ALL THE ELEMENTS OF  
A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE  
INDISPENSABLE ROLE OF SYRIA IN A FINAL SOLUTION OF THE  
PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TALKS THROUGH-  
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OUT WERE VERY FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE. WE AGREED TO

STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT. THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER INVITED ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY NEXT VISIT  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME TO VISIT  
DAMASCUS, AND I ACCEPTED WITH GREAT PLEASURE. THANK  
YOU. UNQUOTE.  
MURPHY

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